

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CAPE GIRARDEAU MAN SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

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A Cape Girardeau, Missouri man was sentenced today for unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**TORIANO D. PATTERSON**, age 29, was sentenced to 30 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On August 2, 2007, several officers from the SEMO Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. When the officers arrived at that residence, they encountered Toriano D. Patterson on the front steps of that house. One of the officers

observed a Smith and Wesson, 9mm caliber pistol protruding from Mr. Patterson's clothes. That pistol was seized. It was loaded with four rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber.

Due to Mr. Patterson's previous felony robbery conviction, he is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force, the Cape Girardeau Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.